

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Message Authentication  
using Messages Gates in a  
Distributed Computing  
Environment

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**AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL OF MARCH 30, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted as an amendment following the Decision on Appeal of March 30, 2009, and to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.